

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY  
ACTIVE PYRIDINEETHANOL  
DERIVATIVES

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.